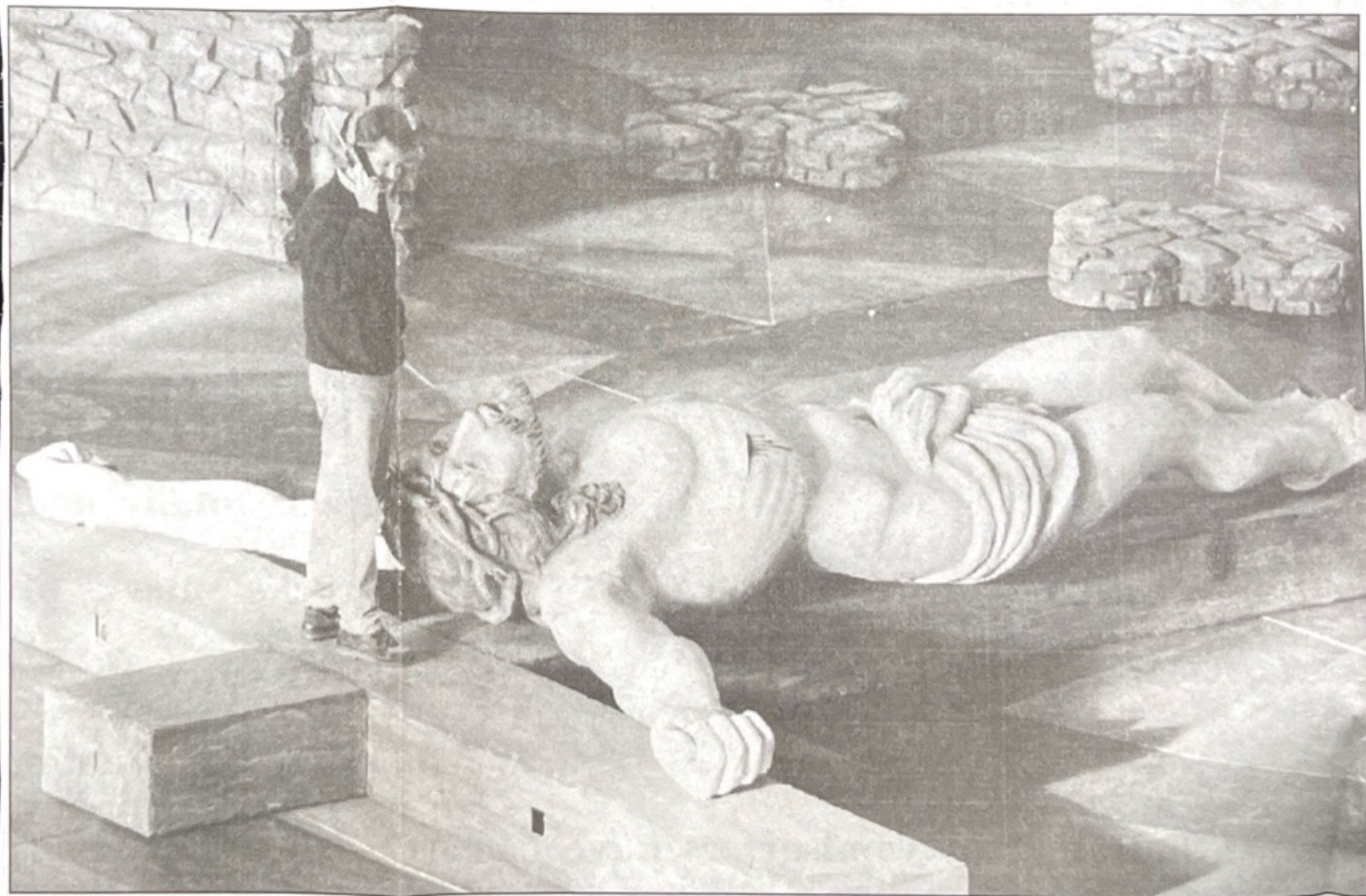


Christ crucified is made ready to join the world of opera



An engineer preparing a giant crucifix for Mascagni's opera *Cavalleria Rusticana* which opens in Rotterdam on 19 January

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